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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6282
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
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NSC FOR CBARTON
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USAID DCHA/OTI FOR RPORTER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/03/2013
TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, VE
SUBJECT: GOV NABS BARUTA MUNICIPALITY MAYOR HENRIQUE
CAPRILES RADONSKY

REF: CARACAS 0950

CLASSIFIED BY: POLITICAL COUNSELOR ABELARDO A. ARIAS FOR REASONS 1.4 (B
) AND (D)

1. (U) BARUTA MUNICIPALITY MAYOR HENRIQUE CAPRILES RADONSKY
(PRIMERO JUSTICIA) PRESENTED HIMSELF BEFORE A CARACAS COURT
MAY 11 TO FACE CHARGES REGARDING HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN A
VIOLENT PROTEST OUTSIDE THE CUBAN EMBASSY ON APRIL 12, 2002
(REF). DURING THE HEARING, PROSECUTOR DANILO ANDERSON
REQUESTED THAT CAPRILES BE REMANDED TO CUSTODY BECAUSE THE
MAYOR WAS A FLIGHT RISK, WHEREUPON DISIP (POLITICAL POLICE)
OFFICERS TOOK CAPRILES INTO CUSTODY. ANDERSON NOW HAS UP TO
45 DAYS TO PRESENT FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST THE MAYOR.
CAPRILES WILL REMAIN IN DISIP CUSTODY DURING THAT TIME,
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

2. (C) CAPRILES WENT INTO HIDING WHEN THE FIRST DETENTION
ORDER FOR HIM WAS ISSUED MARCH 16 AND REEMERGED AFTER THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(D)
DECLASSIFY AFTER: 13 MAY 2029
APPEAL ACTION: ORIGINAL DECISION UPHELD
REASON(S): B1, 1.4(D)
DATE/CASE ID: 21 SEP 2007 200404750

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: MELVIN E SINN
DATE/CASE ID: 30 JUN 2005 200404750

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SUPREME COURT (TSJ) STRUCK IT DOWN APRIL 1.

CAPRILES' ATTORNEY FILED A REQUEST TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION OF ANDERSON FOR HAVING DISOBEYED THE TSJ DECISION, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

3. (U) SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CAPRILES' DETENTION MAY 11, PRIMERO JUSTICIA DEPUTIES JULIO BORGES, LILIANA HERNANDEZ, AND GERARDO BLYDE CONDEMNED THE ACTION AND VOWED THAT THE MAYOR WOULD BE EXONERATED AND FREED. "IT'S A POLITICAL DECISION FROM A POLITICAL JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR THAT HAVE USED THE VENEZUELAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM AS A MECHANISM FOR POLITICAL REPRESSION, AND THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE IN A DEMOCRATIC STATE," BLYDE SAID.

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